

NORDIC SKI SITES NEAR CEDAR CITY (January, 2007)

(Prepared by the Cedar Mountain Nordic Ski Club, CMNSC. See page 2 for more information about the club.)

The numbers below correspond to the numbers in square boxes on the attached map. Note that highway UT-148 is closed in the winter but is groomed for snowmobiles. RT means "Round Trip" in the descriptions below.

- 1) **Brianhead, Burt's Road:** Park just north of the Brianhead city hall on Utah highway 143. Round trip trail length = up to 7 miles at about 9500 ft elevation. Sometimes groomed.
- 2) **Rattlesnake trailhead:** Park at this trailhead at about a mile south of Brianhead on UT-143. Follow the orange poles west of the highway. Ungroomed. RT length = 3.5 mi at 10,500 ft elevation.
- 3) **Cedar Breaks Alpine Pond Trail:** Park at the intersection of UT-143 and UT-148 a couple miles south of Brianhead. Ski south on (closed) highway 148 about 1 mile, then follow orange XC trail poles on the right for another mile and return. RT length from parking area = 4.5 mi at 10,500 ft elevation. Marked XC trail sometimes groomed.
- 4) **Midway trail to Spectra Point:** Drive on UT-14 18 miles east of Cedar City and park at the intersection with UT-148. Ski 2.5 mi north on 148 (closed in winter) into Cedar Breaks park. After another ½ mile follow orange poles to the left, which then lead to the scenic Spectra Point overlook, less than ½ mile from the road. Then return downhill to parking area. RT length = 7 miles at 10,500 ft elevation. Ungroomed.
- 5) **SUU Mountain Road (not normally open to the public):** Park in the SUU Mountain Center parking lot (if open) at about mile 10.5 on UT-14 east of Cedar City. Ski on dirt road across highway from SUU Mt Center. RT length = up to 12 miles at 8000-8500 ft elevation. Ungroomed. Not recommended without permission from SUU.
- 6) **Bristlecone Pine Trail:** Park on UT-14 just past mile 17 east of Cedar City. Ski to south on hiking trail to scenic overlook deck, and return. RT length = ½ mile at 9900 ft elevation. From the parking area you can also bushwhack south to Midway Valley and back, another 2 mi round trip. Ungroomed.
- 7) **Deer Valley by Navajo Lake:** Park at the county snowplow turnaround at about mile 22.8 on UT-14 east of Cedar City, at the boundary of Iron and Kane Counties. Ski south of the highway towards the hill and follow the orange poles, which form about a 3 mile loop. Many side trips can be made. RT length = 3 miles at 9500 ft elevation. Ungroomed.